



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: HOASHI=2

In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1761
Masahito HOASHI, et al.) Examiner: D. BECKER
Serial No.: 09/000,366) Confirmation No. 5189
Filed: January 28, 1998) Washington D.C.
For: METHOD FOR THAWING) February 20, 2002
FROZEN GROUND FISH)
MEATS)

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action of
September 21, 2001, for which a two month extension of time to
respond is hereby requested, please enter the following
amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Fourth Amendment) A method for thawing frozen
ground fish meat which comprises milling a frozen ground fish
meat mass to a substantially uniform particle size and then
thawing without shearing it by elevating the temperature.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

sub G21
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1. (Fourth Amendment) A process for producing
materials for fish paste products which involves the step of
milling a frozen ground fish meat mass to a uniform particle
size thawing said milled particles without shearing it by
elevating the temperature to give a ground fish meat; and